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**JOINT LOGISTICS COMMANDERS
PROGRAM CHARTER
FOR THE
GOVERNMENT-INDUSTRY DATA EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

I. PURPOSE. This revised Charter continues the establishment of the Government-Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP) and outlines the program mission, objectives, and management responsibilities.

II. BACKGROUND: On 15 September 1970, the Joint Logistics Commanders (JLC) reviewed the existing Interagency Data Exchange Program (IDEP) and determined that a single service manager was required to make the program more effective. By direction of the JLCs, a Charter was issued by the Chief of Naval Material on 15 December 1970, establishing the Government-Industry Data Exchange Program (superseding IDEP) under Navy management. The current Navy Program manager is in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition). This Charter supersedes all previous Charters, the latest dated 16 July 1986.

III. MISSION: The mission of the Government-Industry Data Exchange Program is to support government systems readiness, logistic effectiveness, productivity and cost reduction through timely retrieval, storage and distribution of data among government and industry organizations.

IV. OBJECTIVES: The objectives of GIDEP are:

- A. To identify data which can enhance mission accomplishment.
- B. To provide the means to collect, store and disseminate appropriate data to participants.
- C. To ensure government and industry organizations' awareness of the potential benefits of GIDEP utilization.
- D. To accomplish the mission by the most cost-effective means.

V. PROGRAM EXECUTION: Program mission and objectives are to be met by GIDEP providing a data base and organizational structure to support the sharing of technical and related information by participants. Technical information appropriate to GIDEP includes:

A. Failure experience and problem data on parts, components and materials to identify defective/ nonconforming/suspect items, to highlight safety hazards, to facilitate the removal of defective items from stock, and to preclude their entry into equipment.

B. Engineering information, including reliability, maintainability and quality assurance data, technical documents, test results, manufacturing practices and processes.

C. Information on parts availability, including diminishing manufacturing sources, alternate sources of parts, and related government agency actions.

D. Metrology documents, measurement; test and calibration procedures.

E. Requests for information and announcements of changes in areas listed above.

VI. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT.

A. The Deputy Chief of Naval operation (Logistics) has been designated by the Joint Logistics Commanders to exercise program oversight and central control of GIDEP.

B. The Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics) has requested that the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Shipbuilding and Logistics), since reorganized as Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and acquisition), provide a Program Manager to manage and operate GIDEP.

VII. PROGRAM MANAGER AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES. Within the purview and limitations of this charter, current regulations and statute, the Program Manager is responsible for central planning, organizing, staffing, directing and controlling GIDEP. These responsibilities include:

A. Develop, update and execute a long range program plan in coordination with sponsoring government organizations.

B. In consultation with funding sponsors, establish necessary and sufficient budget requirements.

C. Execute the program within budget and plans.

D. Control program resources and expenditures.

E. Report annually on program status, progress, cost effectiveness, and accomplishment. Maintain necessary records, including participant rosters and utilization reports.

F. Be responsive to participant needs for technical data exchange, coordinating implementation with program objectives, plans and resources.

G. Promote effective and efficient exchange of technical data among government and industry organizations.

H. Establish program organization, procedures, and participation requirements, and ensure compliance.

I. Establish by charter Government and Industry advisory Groups to assist and provide participant perspective to the Program Manager in the execution of his responsibilities. Chair joint sessions of the Advisory Groups.

VIII. PARTICIPATION

A. Participation by any organization is contingent upon agreement to abide by GIDEP policy and procedure.. These procedures shall explicitly limit GIDEP data to unclassified, nonproprietary information and shall provide for protection in accordance with information security and technology transfer regulations.

B. All U.S. government organization. are eligible to join GIDEP.

C. The full participation and sponsorship of the Canadian Department of National Defence are welcome and are fully in accord with this Charter. Agencies of governments other than the U.S. and Canada are not eligible to Join without approval of the Joint Logistics Commanders.

D. U.S. and Canadian business organizations which directly or indirectly provide equipment, material or services under U.S. or Canadian government contract are eligible to join GIDEP contingent on Program Manager approval. In addition, Canadian industry organizations must have the concurrence or of the Department of National Defence.

IX. FUNDING: Funding and support for GIDEP will be provided by Army, Navy, Air Force, and other supporting government agencies in accordance with financial plans developed by the Program Manager, negotiated with the funding sponsors, and approved by the Joint Logistics Commanders.

X. COMMUNICATION: The Program Manager is authorized direct communication with all government agencies and activities interested in GIDEP. He is authorized to issue over his own signature such correspondence, technical directives, implementing plans, instructions, delegations and allocations as may be necessary in fulfillment of the program as defined in this Charter.

XI. ADVISORY GROUPS:

A. Government Advisory Group (GAG). The primary purpose of the Government Advisory Group is to advise and assist the Program Manager in determining and maintaining effective overall program policy and procedures, and to represent participating government organizations' positions on issues related to exchange of data. This group shall consist of one designated representative from the national headquarters of each participating government organization and will operate in accordance with a Charter approved by the Program Manager. Representatives whose organizations fund GIDEP are designated Funding Sponsor Representatives. In addition to their GAG responsibilities, they will assure GIDEP management policy, funding and long range program plans are in consonance with their organizations' objectives.

B. Industry Advisory Group (IAG). The primary purpose of the Industry Advisory Group is to provide the Program Manager with the industry users' perspectives on issues related to technical information exchange, and to promote effective utilization of the program within the industrial community. This group shall consist of representatives of industry elected from among the industry participants and will operate in accordance with a Charter approved by the Program Manager.

XII. COORDINATION. This Charter will be reviewed by the Program Manager annually on its anniversary. Changes will with the Government Advisory Group and the Industry Advisory Group, prior to submission by the Program Manager to the Joint Logistics Commanders for approval.

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